

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An electron tube comprising:

at least one metal film formed on a base;

at least one linear member provided above the base, wherein at least a part of said at least one linear member is a tension force applying portion for exerting a tension force;

at least one spacer for defining a distance between said at least one linear member and the base; and

at least one additional member for connecting one end of said at least one linear member to said at least one metal film,

wherein said at least one additional member is welded to a portion of said at least one metal film, said one end of said at least one linear member being disposed between said at least one additional member and said at least one metal film, and the entire portion of said at least one metal film being in direct contact with the base.

2. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said at least one additional member is at least one metal piece, and on the condition of interposing said at least one linear member between said at least one metal piece and said at least one metal film, said at least one linear member is fixedly attached to said at least one metal film by welding said at least one metal piece to at least one metal film.

3. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said at least one additional member is independently provided to said at least one linear member.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) An electron tube comprising:

at least one metal film formed on a base;

at least one linear member provided above the base and divided into a body portion and a fixture portion for fixedly attaching the body portion to said at least one metal film, wherein at least a part of said at least one linear member is a tension force applying portion for exerting a tension force;

at least one spacer for defining a distance between said at least one linear member and the base; and

at least one additional member, for fixedly connecting the fixture portion to said at least one metal film,

wherein said at least one additional member is welded to said at least one metal film, the distance between the fixture portion of said at least one linear member and the base or the distance between said at least one additional member and the base being not greater than the thickness of said at least one metal film.

6. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said at least one linear member is a grid and said at least one metal film is a grid electrode.

7. (original) The electron tube of claim 5, wherein said at least one linear member is a grid having a first and a second metallic member, and the second metallic member of the grid is said at least one additional member.

8. (original) The electron tube of claim 5, wherein said at least one linear member is a grid having a metallic member and an insulating member.

9. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said at least one linear member is a cathode, and said at least one metal film is a cathode electrode.

10. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said at least one linear member serves to support a cathode, a grid or a getter.

11. (cancelled)

12. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said at least one metal film is formed in a thin film.

13. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein the attachment of said at least one linear member is achieved by using an ultrasonic bonding.

14. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said at least one metal film and said at least one additional member are made of the same metallic material to each other.

15. (currently amended) The electron tube of claim 1, ~~further comprising at least one spacer for defining a distance between said at least one linear member and the base and~~ wherein the electron tube is a fluorescent radiation tube.

16. (cancelled)

17. (original) The electron tube of claim 1, further comprising a vessel including at least two substrates, and the base being the vessel.

18. (withdrawn) A method for producing an electron tube comprising the steps of;
forming at least one metal film on a base;
forming at least one additional member on at least one linear member; and
fixing said at least one linear member to said at least one metal film by ultrasonic-bonding said at least one additional member to said at least one metal film.

19. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein said at least one additional member is at least one metal piece, and on the condition of interposing said at least one linear member between said at least one metal piece and said at least one metal film, said at least one linear member is fixedly attached to said at least one metal film by welding said at least one metal piece to at least one metal film.

20. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein said at least one metal piece is at least one wire for the wire bonding and said at least one wire is welded to said at least one metal film by using the ultrasonic wire bonding.

21. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein said at least one linear member is respectively divided into a body and two fixed portions for fixedly attaching the body to said at least one metal film, said at least one additional member is formed on the fixed portions, and said at least one linear member is fixed to said at least one

metal film by welding said at least one additional member to said at least one metal film.

22. (withdrawn) A method for producing an electron tube comprising the steps of;

forming a metal film on a vessel;

forming an additional member on a linear member; and

fixing the linear member to the metal film by diffusion-welding or solid-state-welding the additional member to the metal film.

23. (withdrawn) An electron tube fabricated by employing the method of claim 18, comprising:

said at least one metal film formed on the base;

said at least one linear member provided above the base; and

said at least one additional member for connecting said at least one linear member to said at least one metal film,

wherein said at least one linear member is connected to said at least one metal film.

24. (withdrawn) A method for producing the electron tube of claim 1, comprising the steps of;

forming said at least one metal film on the base;

forming said at least one additional member on said at least one linear member; and

fixing said at least one linear member to said at least one metal film by bonding said at least one additional member to said at least one metal film to thereby fabricating an electron tube.

25. (previously presented) The electron tube of claim 1, wherein said one end of said at least one linear member is directly connected to said at least one metal film by welding said at least one additional member to said one end of said at least one linear member located on said at least one metal film.

26. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) The electron tube of ~~claim 26~~ claim 1, wherein the tension force applying portion has coiled shape.

28. (previously presented) The electron tube of claim 15, wherein said at least one spacer is made of a conductive material disposed on said at least one metal film.

29. (previously presented) The electron tube of claim 5, wherein said at least one linear member is a grid and said at least one metal film is a grid electrode.

30-33. (cancelled)

34. (currently amended) An electron tube comprising:

at least one metal film formed on a base;

at least one linear member provided above the base, wherein at least a part of said at least one linear member is a tension force applying portion for exerting a tension force;

at least one spacer for defining a distance between said at least one linear member and the base; and

at least one additional member for connecting one end of said at least one linear member to said at least one metal film,

wherein said at least one metal film includes a generally flat part, the entire flat part of said at least one metal film having two opposite surfaces, said at least one additional member being welded to one of the opposite surfaces wherein said one end of said at least one linear member is connected to said at least one metal film at the same position where said at least one additional member is welded to said one of the opposite surfaces, and the other opposite surface being substantially parallel with and in direct contact with the base.